Approved For Release 2002/08/28 : CIA-RDP63-00313A000600120022-9 NRO REVIEW COMPLETED TOP SECRET COR-0347 CODY 5 25X1 19 February 1959 MEMORATIDUM FOR: Deputy Mirector of Central Intelligence : Deputy Director, (Plans) HORSELL : Visit of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence JUBJECT and Party to Vandenberg Air Force Bene 1. This memorandum is for information only. 2. The first shot in the DISCOVERER program will be launched from Vandemberg Air Force Base on 25 February 1959. This Launch is a purely engineering shot and will not contain a COHOMA payload. The CORONA payload is being assembled at Palo Alto, California and will transported to Vandamberg Air Force Base prior to a COROMA shot. At that time it will be taken directly to the payload assembly building in the Lockheed area. This building will be used by CORONA payload technicians identified as Lockheed Advanced Engineering Personnel and the Bio-medical personnel. Each group will occupy one-half of the building. The advanced Engineering section of the building should be smalled as presence of personalities connected with intelligence might imply that the Advanced Engineering section is interested in recommissance. 3. Following is a list of COROBA cleared key personsel in the organization indicated that may be in contact with the visiting Amency porty. AFRID Bagene Root 25X1 it. James V. Plumer Col. Fredrick Oder 25X1 Col. Harry L. Evens Gen. Income D. White SPACE TEXTE. LAB Gen. Curtis E. Lamay Mr. Allan Francis Donoven Fir. Richard E. Horner SAC Gen. Horece M. Wade Ocn. Thomas S. Power TOP SECRET ARPA

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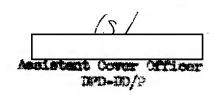
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It should be noted that some of the members of the Agency party are not CORNERA cleared.

A. Extreme press interest will be shown in this particular lamped since it is the first lamped from Vandamberg Air Porce Same. Although the entire DIRCOVERER series is to be known as an R & D effort, the press has speculated as to a possible comera corrying capability in later lampedee. An example of this speculation is found in the following gaste from the 16 February edition of Aristian Mack:

Exograt for changes in paylord makeup, Discoverer is essentially the same as UNAF's NS-117L Sentry recommissions setallite...

The above quotation and others clearly indicate that the press has not entirely accepted the R & D story and is looking for evidence of a recommissance especiality. For this reason any personalities connected with intelligence collection, especially photographic intelligence collection, must be extremely careful that their mere presence at the lambda site is not interpreted as a confirmation of the speculation about the recommissance capability of later DISCOVERSE payloads.



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